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SUBJECT Scott Stanley, Jr. of the John Birch Society

ANNOUNCER: ...In the Crossfire, Scott Stanley, Jr. of the John Birch Society.

PAT BUCHANAN: Welcome to Crossfire.

By a two-to-one vote today, the United States Senate rejected diplomatic sanctions against the Soviet Union proposed by conservatives Armstrong and Helms, and settled for a verbal condemnation.

To comment on what one columnist has derided as the pusillanimous response of Ronald Reagan to Soviet barbarism over the Sea of Japan, we have a spokesman of the John Birch Society. That's the right-wing political organization whose leader, Larry Patton McDonald perished in the Korean Air massacre.

TOM BRADEN: Mr. Stanley, among the comments that you've made about the death of Larry McDonald in that terrible shooting, murder, you said this: "He was the most important Communist leader in the world. They shot down the plane because they knew he was on it."

Could you explain that to me?

SCOTT STANLEY, JR: He was the most important anti-Communist leader...

BRADEN: Anti-Communist.

STANLEY: ...in the world. And what I said was that they might well have shot down the plane because he was on it. I